



# GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS HOLD THE RUSSIANS IN CHECK

Desperate Fighting is in Progress in Timbered Region Near Pilkallen Where the Kaiser Has Hurlled Fresh Troops in Effort to Stay the Onward Rush of the Slav Armies—Advance is Being Continued

## TEUTONS ATTEMPT TO SMASH THROUGH THE SLAV CENTER

German Forces are Concentrated Against Central Army Corps Which are Pouring Over the Frontier.

## FIGHTING ON NEAR WARSAW

Trenches Which Were Captured on Friday Retaken by Russians After Desperate Encounter in Which the Germans Are Said to Have Lost Heavily—Tabriz Occupied.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 1.—Desperate fighting is in progress in the timbered region near Pilkallen, East Prussia, the war office announced. This indicates that the German reinforcements, rushed forward to check the Russian advance against Konigsberg, are offering a determined resistance.

The Kaiser's strategists are concentrating their principal resistance on a series of assaults on the Russian central army of three corps which are pouring across German territory. The Russians claim slight gains. The trenches west of Warsaw were lost to the enemy on Friday but have been recaptured. A violent engagement, in which the Germans lost heavily, preceded the success, the statement declared.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 1.—It is officially announced that the Russians have occupied Tabriz in Persia on Saturday.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—A flank attack by General Francois in Northern Poland has effectively halted the Russian efforts to advance against the Thorn fortress, according to the war office. Francois, who was operating in the vicinity of Malawa, made a rapid movement southwest and attacked the Russian right, forcing a retirement. The Germans have gained further east of Lodz and south of the Vistula. The Germans have resumed the offensive and are advancing toward Lodz.

It was announced that German aviators had crossed the lines of the allies and dropped bombs at Badleu, eight miles north of Lille. The Kaiser conferred with his staff chiefs here and announced he is very well satisfied with the progress of the campaign both east and west.

## SEVERE STORM IN MIDDLEWEST HOLDS BACK ALL TRAFFIC

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—One of the worst storms in years gripped the middle west and northwest today. Trains entering Chicago are all delayed and street car traffic is paralyzed. One was killed here and scores were injured. Hundreds of miles of telephone and telegraph lines are down. The storm struck Chicago early today. The snow soon turned to rain. A drop of temperature is causing the rain to freeze, covering the streets and wires with a coating of ice.

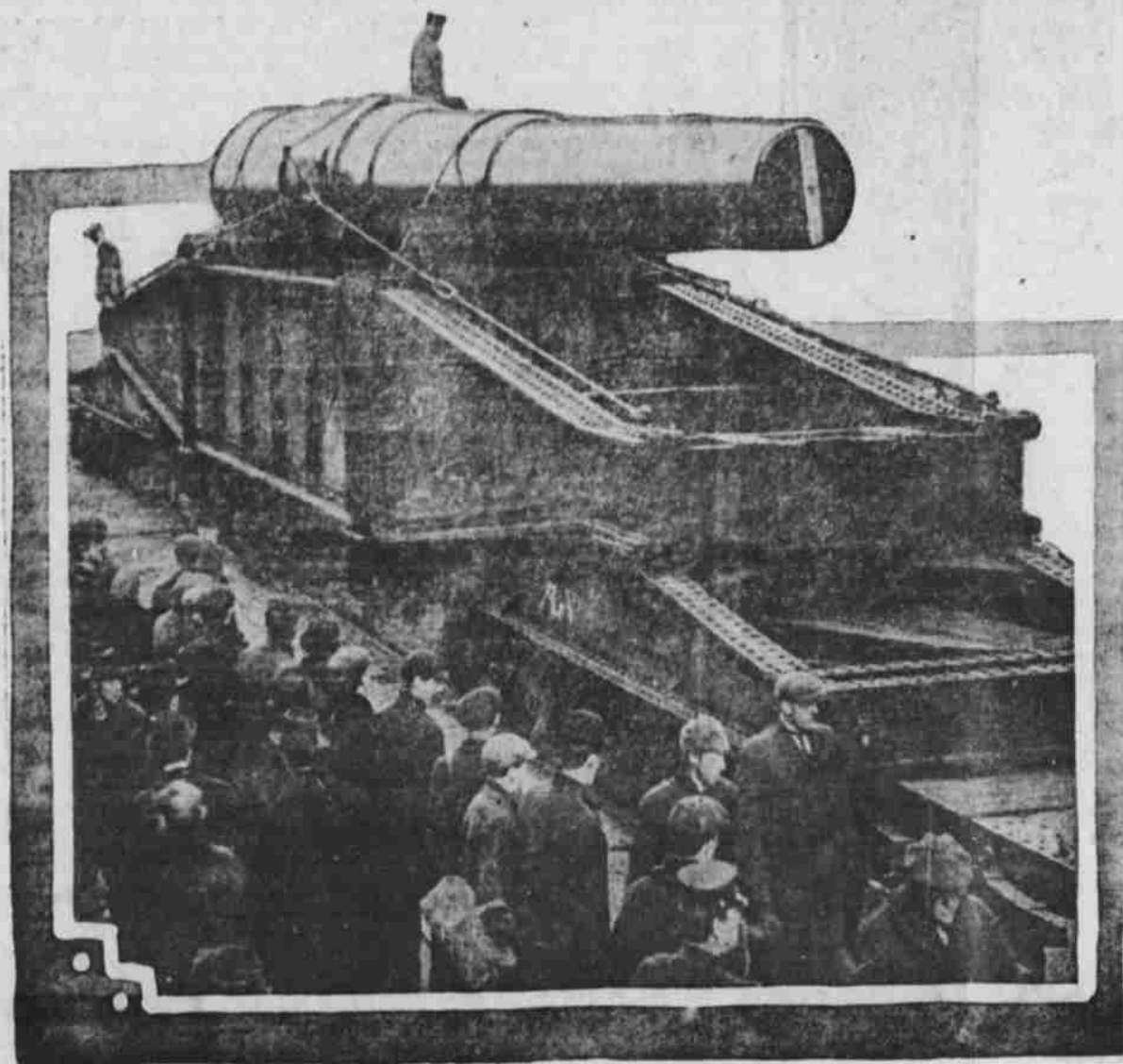
MADISON, Wis., Feb. 1.—Train service out of Madison is badly crippled by a snow and wind storm which has raged since Saturday night. Street car traffic is at a standstill.

DETROIT, Feb. 1.—Two are dead and scores are suffering injuries as a result of the storm which has been sweeping Michigan since Saturday night. Immense damage has been done telephone and telegraph lines.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 1.—More than 100 persons including crews and passengers are marooned outside the harbor while five lake steamers are imprisoned in ice floes. One of the worst storms of the winter is sweeping this part of Wisconsin.

According to the lawyers for the newest league, baseball cannot exist half slave and half free.

## Uncle Sam's Enormous Gun to Protect Panama Canal



This enormous rifle, believed to be the largest single piece of armor ever made, is being shipped by the United States government to protect the

Panama Canal. The photograph shows the great 16-inch gun on its way to Watertown, Mass., where it will be made ready for shipment to

the canal. It weighs 254,000 pounds. The car on which the gun is carried itself weighs 192,420 pounds and no fewer than thirty-two wheels were necessary to hold it.

## MORE RAIN FALLS IN 24 HOURS THAN IN LAST MONTH

AT 1 O'CLOCK TODAY .53 OF AN INCH IS RECORDED BY INSTRUMENTS.

Within the past 24 hours as much rain has fallen in Pendleton as fell during the entire month of January. At 1 o'clock this afternoon the recording instrument kept by the official weather observer showed that .53 of an inch had fallen since 4:30 yesterday and the rain was still falling steadily. The month of January which closed yesterday was one of the driest in recent years, the total rainfall for the 31 days being but .58 of an inch whereas the normal for that month is 1.59 inches.

The rain here started falling about 4:30 yesterday in a light shower and resumed again at 10. During the night and early morning there was considerable precipitation and all day today there has hardly been a moment's cessation.

The rain is a great boon to the farmers because of the big deficiency in the season's precipitation. The ground has not for years been as dry on February 1 as it is now and the wheat men were beginning to get anxious. The river and smaller streams have been unusually low, too during the winter.

## SCHOONER IS WRECKED IN. BAD GALE OFF CAPE HENRY

FATE OF CREW IS UNKNOWN—OTHER VESSELS REPORTED IN DANGER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A wireless message received here says the schooner Frank R. Swain was wrecked in a heavy gale 70 miles southeast of Cape Henry. The vessel lies bottom upward. Dispatches failed to state the fate of the crew. Other craft are reported endangered in a heavy gale off the Atlantic coast.

General Stone Dies at 72. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—General George Stone, a notable figure in the political history of California and an active participant in public affairs, died after a lingering illness. He was 72 years old. At different times he served as adjutant general of the state militia, head of the California Fish and game commission, receiver for the United States land office and as chairman of the republican state central committee.

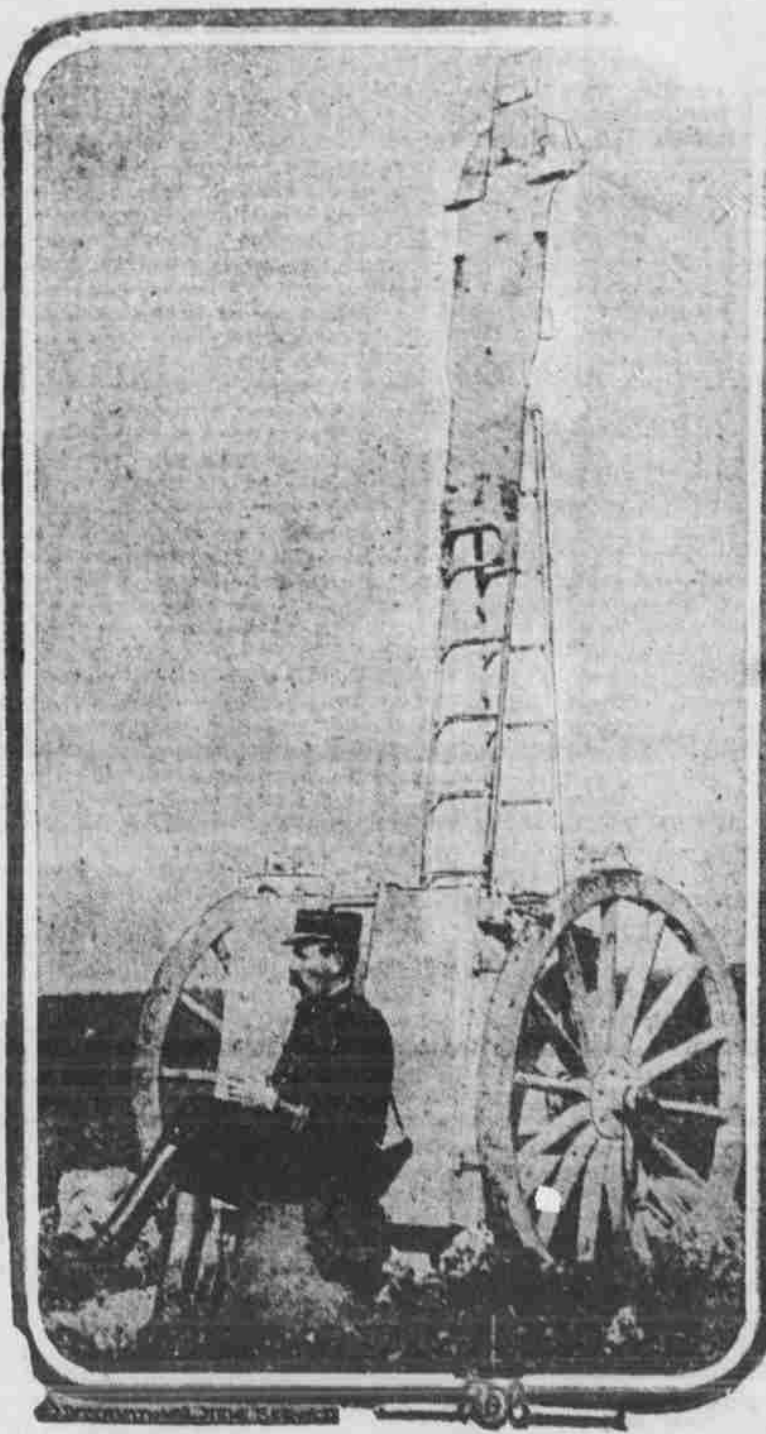
## Passing of Portage Road.

SALEM, Feb. 1.—By the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Smith of Coos, the board of portage railway commissioners is abolished and the portage railroad property is to be turned over to the state board of control. This board is authorized to sell the property.

## Abe Ruef's Mother Dying.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 1.—Hope for the recovery of Mrs. Adele Ruef, mother of Abe Ruef, was abandoned by friends of the family. The aged woman is suffering from the infirmities of age, aggravated by her grief and worry over her son's incarceration in the state penitentiary on a charge of bribery.

## French Army's Observation Ladder



## REPUBLICANS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE FILIBUSTER; READY TO TALK MEASURE TO DEATH

Opposition to Shipping Bill Begins in Senate Again This Morning—Speaking Campaign will be Kept up Until Final Adjournment, Say the Leaders—Declare They will Block all Other Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The republican filibuster against the government ship purchase bill was resumed at 10 a. m. when the senate was called to order after being in recess from midnight Saturday. Both sides are confident of victory.

Republican members insist that a week more of filibustering will mean the bill will be talked to death. They

declare they are prepared to continue the speaking campaign until the final adjournment and to block all other legislation if necessary to accomplish the downfall of the measure. These claims are ridiculed by democratic leaders. It is believed some democrats favor dropping the measure if the filibuster really endangers the appropriation bills.

## JESSE FAILING, CITY'S OLDEST MERCHANT, IS CALLED BY DEATH

Jesse Failing, Pendleton's oldest merchant, both in point of years and experience and one of the best known pioneers of the city and county, expired Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock of acute cystitis and complications incident to old age. He was past 84 years old and had been a resident of Pendleton for 37 years and of Umatilla county for 52 years. He is survived by a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Edith Ray, and a step-son, Fred Hendley, all of this city.

The body was embalmed yesterday at the Baker undertaking parlors, of which deceased was once the proprietor, and shipped today on No. 17 to the Finley parlors in Portland. The funeral will be held in that city tomorrow.

During his long life Mr. Failing had many interesting and varied experiences. Before he settled down to the routine life of a merchant, he was at different times a carpenter, gold hunter, boat-builder, hotel keeper and rancher.

He was born in Wayne county, New York, September 25, 1830. When a young man the tales of the discovery of gold in California fired him with eagerness to come west and seek the precious metal in the mountain streams. Col. Vanderbilt, anticipating the rush to California, had established a steamboat line to Nicaragua and aboard one of these boats Mr. Failing, as a young adventurer, stepped one day, determined to make his way to the land of golden promise. On the same boat was Col. Vanderbilt himself and Mr. Failing became personally acquainted with him. Behind the steamer was towed a little boat in which Mr. Failing and others made their way up the river and across the lake of Nicaragua. He crossed the ridge which was the backbone of the isthmus, a distance of twelve miles, and took a boat on the other side. Before he died he

lived to see, in the completion of the Panama canal, the fulfillment of a dream of those early days.

## Arrives in Frisco.

When he arrived in San Francisco in November, 1851, he was "flat broke" and he went to work at once at his trade of carpentering, making from \$10 to \$15 a day. When he had accumulated a few hundred dollars, he bought an outfit and went to Placer county, stopping at Auburn, on his search for gold. At that time all of the mining work was done by rockers or "lon toms" and Mr. Failing built the first sluice in that part of the country. "Some days I made as much as \$100 and some days it took me 100 days to make one dollar," he was wont to say in speaking of his early life.

## Near to a Fortune.

He used to tell a tale of how nearly he came to finding a fortune. One day in the late fall while in British Columbia, an old Indian came to the camp of himself and friends and told them that one day's trip across the divide were great quantities of white rock. Deciding that it was quartz,

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## WHAT TO DO WITH BOOTLEGGERS IS NOW PROBLEM TO THE COURT

What to do with the bootleggers after they have been caught is the problem which is vexing Circuit Judge Phelps. This morning when several of those caught in the recent campaign appeared before him and pleaded guilty, he refused to pass sentence, declaring he would first investigate to ascertain whether or not imprisonment in the county jail would be a punishment to them. If the county maintained a rockpile or worked the prisoner some other way, the judge intimated he would know what penalty to inflict.

"If I knew that imprisonment in jail would punish these men, I would not hesitate to send them to jail," said the judge from the bench this morning, "but I am not so convinced. It would be a kindness to some men

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## FRENCH HURL BACK GERMAN EFFORT TO PENETRATE LINES

Concentrated Attempt to Pierce the Positions at Ypres Meets With Severe Defeat Says Paris.

## GALLIC FIRE DESTRUCTIVE

Aviators Report That Shelling of Trench Positions Was Most Effective—French Infantrymen, After Pouring in Terrific Fire, Use the Bayonet Against Enemy.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—The Germans have been thrown back violently in another attempt to smash the allies' lines at Ypres. French infantrymen, after mowing down the enemy's first ranks with a murderous fire, used the bayonet so effectively that the German line was repulsed in great disorder. This announcement by the war office created a tremendous wave of enthusiasm in the city. For several days it was reported the Germans had been massing reinforcements in Belgium for a new drive. Aerial scouts reported that the shelling of the German positions along the Aisne by the French was effective. From Ypres to the coast an artillery fight has been in progress for several days.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—A high admiralty official predicted the failure of Admiral Von Tirpitz' attempt to starve England out by attacking merchant ships with submarines. The official agreed with other government experts that the submarine raids Saturday and Sunday are features of the policy advocated by Von Tirpitz. Further raids and consequent losses are anticipated by the British naval men. In the hope of sighting submarine U-21 which sank three British vessels Saturday, destroyers and light cruisers are patrolling the Irish sea.

## MAY WHEAT GOES TO \$1.54 HIGHEST POINT IN YEARS

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—May wheat opened at a dollar fifty-four, the highest point on the board of trade in many years. July opened at a dollar thirty five and seven eighths.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—At eleven forty five, May wheat reached a dollar fifty six and three-fourths. July reached a dollar and twenty eight.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—May closed at a dollar fifty six and one-quarter. July a dollar thirty seven and one-half. May reached a dollar fifty seven at one time. There was great excitement in the pit during the session.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—On the Merchants' Exchange today spot prices for bluestem reached a dollar forty nine bid. A dollar fifty-two was asked. Club, dollar forty six bid, dollar forty seven and a half asked.

## NEWS SUMMARY

General.  
Russian column halted by German reinforcements.  
French drive back German attempt at new drive.  
Republicans continue filibuster against shipping bill.  
Severe storm sweeps middle west.  
Local.  
Jesse Failing, pioneer merchant, is dead.  
Judge Phelps puzzled what to do with bootleggers.  
Half inch rainfall is boon to farmers.  
Kamela family attacked by mad coyote.  
Groundhog will come out of hole tomorrow.